



# NEW PROJECT UPDATES

Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District, Ashley National Forest

June 2021

## Greetings

This newsletter is intended to give a brief overview of new projects coming up on the district, what actions we propose, and what results we would like to see on the ground. Your comments are welcome during this initial scoping period. The [schedule of proposed actions](#) has a complete list of projects on the Ashley National Forest.

We have just one project in this issue—the Dal Cuinn Drilling Project.

## Dal Cuinn Drilling Project

The Ashley National Forest received a proposal for small-scale exploratory drilling for locatable minerals, within the proponent's existing mining claims, in the Dry Ridge area of the Forest. The proposal is to conduct exploratory drilling at two locations, with one drillhole at each location, and each drillhole up to 600 feet deep. One proposed drilling location is immediately adjacent to the existing Dry Ridge Road, while the other can be easily reached by about 200 feet of cross-country travel from the road, so no new road construction is needed or proposed. Small drilling pads up to 20 by 30 feet might be needed for each drillhole, as well as a small camping and staging area up to 30 by 30 feet. Drilling operations are expected to take about 2 to 3 weeks per location. The proponent hopes to begin drilling operations this fall. The proponent would be required to post a reclamation bond before starting operations. Once drilling operations are completed, the drillholes would be plugged, and the drill pads and staging area would be reclaimed and seeded as needed.

## About the Ashley National Forest

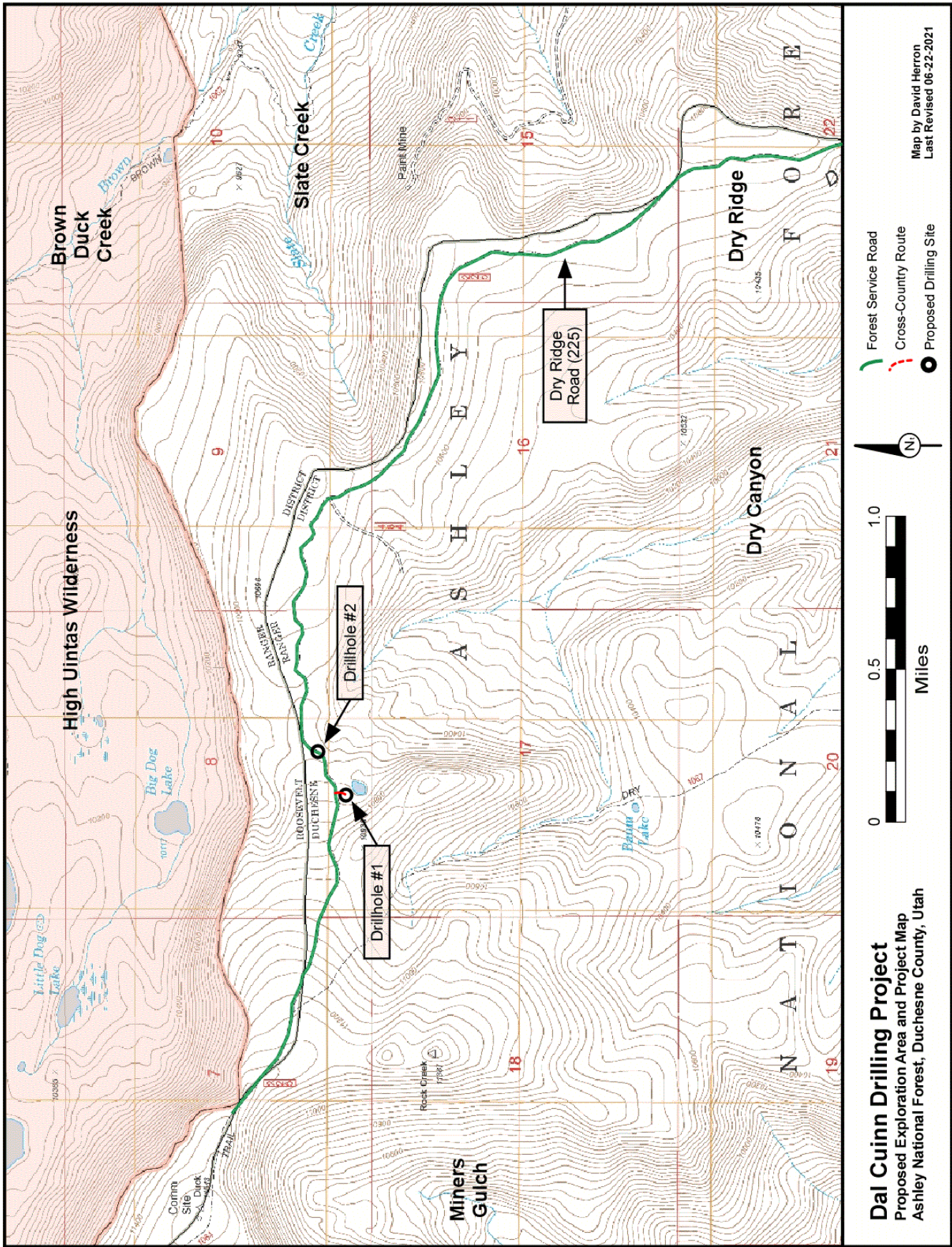
Ashley National Forest is located in northeastern Utah and Wyoming.

It encompasses 1,384,132 National Forest acres (1,287,909 in Utah and 96,223 in Wyoming). Of the total acres, 276,175 are High Uintas Wilderness. Elevations on the Ashley National Forest range from 6,000 feet to over 13,500 feet.

Remarkable features include Kings Peak (highest peak in Utah), Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, Flaming Gorge-Uintas National Scenic Byway, and the Green River Corridor.

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Location of Proposed Dal Cuinn Drilling Project



# How to Comment

We are accepting comments on the project described in this newsletter. A preliminary assessment indicates that this project falls within a category of action that is excluded from NEPA documentation in an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS).

If you are interested in or affected by this proposal, this is your opportunity to make your concerns known prior to the point at which we will make a decision. Comments should be specific to the project and include information we should consider in reaching a decision. Please submit comment,s via email or hard copy mail **by July 30, 2021**.

**Email:** [comments-intermtn-ashley@usda.gov](mailto:comments-intermtn-ashley@usda.gov) (please put the name of the project your are commenting on in the subject line).

OR

**Hard copy mail:** Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District  
Attn: Kristy Groves, District Ranger  
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## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about this project.

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